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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6402

BILL NUMBER: HB 1277

DATE PREPARED: Nov 23, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Permit counties to have five county commissioners.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the board of county commissioners in a county to be expanded from three members to five members. The board of county commissioners must pass an ordinance to expand the board of county commissioners. If the ordinance is approved, a public question to expand the board of county commissioners is required to be placed on the ballot of a county-wide election.

This bill provides for the initial appointment of new board members, the timing of elections of the board of county commissioners, and for the designation of districts for the election of county commissioners.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The cost of passing the ordinance required in this bill can be absorbed within the existing budget of the county commissioners.

The cost of printing the public question on the ballot for a county-wide election is minimal and can be done within the existing election budget.

If a county expands the number of county commissioners from three members to five members there will be additional salary costs to the county. The salaries of county commissioners range from a high of approximately \$47,000 to a low of approximately \$6,000. The cost to a county is dependent on the amount of the salary currently paid to the county commissioners. The fiscal impact is dependent on local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: *The Twelfth Annual County Factbook 1997*, Association of Indiana Counties.